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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This Government have already addressed the Government of India on the subject and the matter is under consideration of that Government."

[" Starred questions Nos. 124 and 126 postponed for answer on 25th November 1952."]

Fair price rice shop for Government servants in Krishna district.

* 127 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the non-gazetted officers of Krishna district requested the Collector of Krishna to open a fair price rice shop for them and if so, whether it was sanctioned and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. On a representation of the President of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association, Masulipatnam, a fair price shop was granted to the Association exclusively to cater to the needs of the Non-Gazetted Officers in Masulipatnam town. As the President of the Association subsequently reported that the Association was not in a position to run the shop for want of funds, orders were issued, transferring the shop to the Masulipatnam Consumers Co-operative Society, on the suggestion of the President of the Association."

Government Hospital, Nuzvid.

* 128 Q.—SRI M. R. APPA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct Taluk Headquarters' Hospital in Nuzvid ; and

(b) if so, at what stage is it?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) No; but the following improvements to the existing Government hospital have been sanctioned in April 1950 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,93,338 :—

(i) Acquisition of site.

(ii) Construction of an Operation Theatre.

(iii) Maternity ward.

(iv) Two general wards of 6 beds each.

" The Government have no information about the progress of these works."